



## Cruck Barn Events – General Information

### **Can we decorate the Barn?**

You are free to decorate the barn as you please. There are power points dotted around for fairy lights etc. A member of the team can point these out to you. We just request that you don't hang items from the gas lights or put candles on the wooden tables without holders.

### **Are we able to hire the whole pub?**

Unfortunately, as we are a Public house we can't. The barn hire gives you exclusive use of that area & the courtyard by the beer garden. Your guests are welcome to come into the pub to use the bars.

### **When does a half day barn hire begin & end?**

If you hire the barn for a half day we need to be able to use it for either normal lunch or dinner service. 4.30pm is the cut off time to either be vacating & clearing and 5.30pm for arriving & 11.30pm for leaving. Unless extension arranged.

### **Do you require a deposit?**

Yes please, we ask for half your barn hire as a non refundable deposit to confirm the booking.

### **Is the Barn Hire rate negotiable?**

Unfortunately the soaring costs of maintaining the barn mean we can't. However there are some much discounted rates over the winter/off season. Please ask.

### **What time do we have to vacate?**

The bars start closing at 11.30am. So Midnight we like to be locking the doors. We find this is late enough after such a long day & some guests need time to arrange transport or forget to book a taxi!

### **Can we host a wedding on a bank holiday weekend?**

As the pub gets so busy during those weekends, we don't think it's fair on your special occasion, so we don't accept them.

### **How do your service team know where everyone is sitting & what they are eating?**

We ask that you provide a table plan & place cards with names & food choices on them. This is not necessary on single choice menus.

### **Is there a late licence or extension.**

These can be arranged under certain conditions till 12.30, namely that everyone has a means of get home/to their accommodation and that the music volume is turned down. They are £150.

### **Where could all our guests stay?**

There is a variety of accommodation in the local area and in Appletreewick itself. Please refer to our accommodation list for more information <http://www.craven-cruckbarn.co.uk/links.htm>

### **How many guests can we fit in the Barn?**

For a formal sit down meal the barn can seat 60 comfortably (65 max). Up to 120 guests can fit in barn for a more casual affair and with standing & buffet style eating.

### **How do we plan our day?**

That's easy, after your have confirmed your booking, you may arrange a planning meeting with us and you can go through your plans with us, discuss food and get prices for your choices. Then nearer the time we have a finalisation meeting with you 2-3 weeks before the big day where we go through your final timings, numbers for food, service needs etc.

### **What menu options can you offer?**

The chefs are very flexible. They will happily create a bespoke menu to fit your day, budget and your preferences. We can offer anything from canapés to a full 3 course meal. Bacon butties to soak up the beer late evening are often popular too!

### **What entertainment can we have in the Barn?**

You are free to book a band or DJ for your event, we usually recommend that they set up on the balcony so you have plenty of space for dancing etc downstairs, although by the fireplace works ok. Alternatively, we have a substantial PA system which is a great budget option for just £50 with a £150 deposit, to play music from a laptop or MP3 player.

We do have neighbours however & we ask that you keep the volume to a respectable level.

**How do we arrange payment?**

We encourage payment before the big day as we don't like to interrupt celebrations with bill paying etc. You may run a bar tab on the night which would be payable upon leaving. We much prefer internet/Bacs transfer as we incur no bank charges for these. Our Account name is "Craven Pub Ltd" Acc No. is 41892606 Sort Code 40-23-12 please add a reference with your name & date of event. Alternatively debit cards or a cheque are ok, but credit cards skim off 3%. So we don't accept those.

**Do you have a storage area for decorations/flowers/gifts etc.**

Yes we do, just ask your host for the best places. You may leave gifts/ decorations in the barn overnight after your day for collection in the morning where our staff will have collected them together for you.

**Do You allow Fireworks & flying Lanterns?**

No, unfortunately our thatched roof & delicate agricultural setting cannot allow this.

**Is there space for dancing later?**

Yes, after your food we can come & clear the tables & chairs out of the way, to have a clear floor. Meanwhile your guests are free to mill around the beer garden & the pub.

**How will all our guests get home?**

This can be difficult, if no plans are made. Most people arrange a coach into Skipton or pre order taxis. There are a number of local taxi and minibus firms. We do recommend that all your guests arrange their journey home before the event as it can be tricky getting numerous taxis there and then.

**May we use outside caterers?**

In certain circumstances maybe, please ask. But we have employed a team of extremely good & flexible chefs to do this for you. You can be as involved as you like in the planning of your food.

**Can we bring our own wine?**

You are welcome to bring your own wine and champagne. We charge corkage of £7.50 on wine and £8.50 on bubbly. Alternatively you can pre order wine and champagne with us. Please get in touch for an up to date price list.

**Can we reserve space outside the pub?**

There is an area out to the right of the barn which has a table and stools and makes for a good smoking area – this is available at no additional cost but reservation must be pre-arranged. You may also use the beer garden but we cannot guarantee exclusive use. We can also cordon off a part of the front car park for a coach.

**Do you provide table linen?**

We can provide linen napkins for up to 65 guests. We do not provide linen table clothes – the tables in the barn are made from beautiful, local oak so we recommend that decorations are placed straight on these rather than covering them up!